

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, In 2007, in South Dakota, 62 people died in alcohol-related crashes; and,

*Whereas*, Drinking and driving crashes injured 666 people last year in South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Mothers Against Drunk Driving is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year of the campaign and has played a vital role in the enactment of tougher anti-drunk driving laws resulting in a drop in alcohol-related traffic deaths; and,

*Whereas*, Alcohol-impaired driving remains one of the nation's most frequently committed crimes, and there remains a critical need for continued education, increased enforcement, and tougher laws and penalties for offenders; and,

*Whereas*, Business, government, law enforcement, service organizations, youth, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to safe, sober driving by tying a MADD red ribbon to a visible location on their vehicles during this holiday season; and,

*Whereas*, These actions demonstrate America's pledge to the "Tie One On For Safety" campaign to prevent needless deaths and injuries; and,

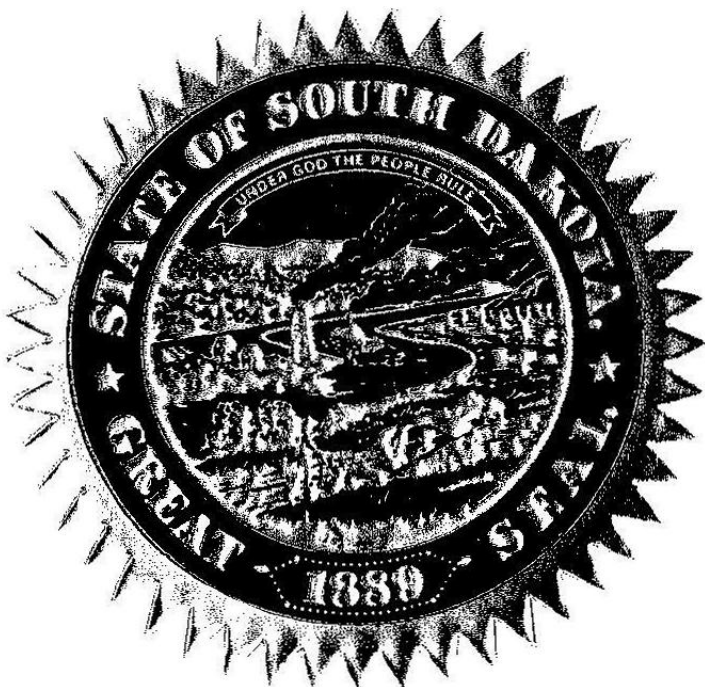
*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota is pledging its support of the "Tie One On For Safety" campaign in conjunction with the "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest" campaign to assure the success of this life-saving program:

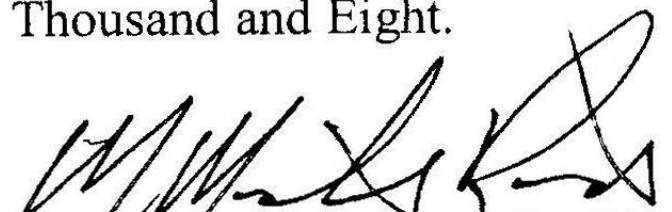
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 11, 2008, as a time to:

### *TIE ONE ON FOR SAFETY*


in South Dakota, and I call upon all citizens, government agencies, hospitals, businesses, and schools in South Dakota to make a visible commitment to the fight against drunk driving by tying a MADD red ribbon on their vehicles.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State